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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be in their -- be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Father John Burnett, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father Burnett.

FATHER JOHN BURNETT:

(Prayer by Father John Burnett)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, March 8th, and Thursday, March 9th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journal just -- I'm sorry.

Senator Myers. I got ahead of myself.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports House Bills 390, 3131, 3225 and 4092 Do Pass; and House Bill 2110 Do Pass, as Amended.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 316, offered by Senator Hawkinson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 317, by Senator Parker and all Members.

Senate Resolution 318, by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 319, by Senator Dillard and all Members.

Senate Resolution 320, by Senator Noland and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 321.

Senate Resolution 322, by Senator Burzynski and all Members.

Senate Resolution 323, by Senator Hawkinson and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 324, by Senator Robert Madigan.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record to reflect that Senator Viverito is absent this week. He is attending a funeral. Senator Carol Ronen will not be here. She's absent due to legislative business in her district. I wish the record to reflect that.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record so -- will indicate. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President, are we -- we're not going to be conducting any business until 4, is that -- is that right?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

To my knowledge, no. We're coming back in -- we're going to stand at ease until 4 p.m. House Bills 1st Reading.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3009, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Clayborne offers House Bill 3360.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3460, Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3771, offered by Senators Philip and Robert
Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Karpel presents House Bill 4258.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4279, Senator Roskam.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- or, 4349, by Senator Robert Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4370, Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4650, by Senator Lisa Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

In the President's Gallery is Pam Lane. Her two sons, John and Brian Astell, are my Pages today. And I'd like the Senate to -- to greet them, please.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate? If there's no further business to be -- come before the Senate, we will stand at ease until 4 p.m.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please come to the Floor? House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2902, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4227, offered by Senator Lauzen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4267, by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senator Link offers House Bill 4634.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If everybody could get to the Floor, the Chair has decided to go to advise and consent of some of the Governor's recommendations for commissions, et cetera. So the sooner you get to the Floor, the sooner we'll get out of here. Senator Petka. We'll now proceed to Executive Session for the purpose of advise and consent. Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Governor's appointments set forth in his Message of November 4th, 1999, and the Treasurer's Messages of October 29th, 1999, and the

Comptroller's Message of January 12th, 2000. Mr. President, respect -- with respect to the November 4th, 1999, Message, I would like to read the non-salaried appointments which the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments recommends...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

You've -- you've heard the motion.

SENATOR PETKA:

...that the Senate advise and consent.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. We're now in Executive Session. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Petka, Chair of the -- of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 4th, 1999, reported the same back with the recommendation the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

With respect to the November 4th, 1999, Message, I'll read those salaried {sic} (non-salaried) appointments of which our Committee -- Senate Committee on Executive Appointments recommends full Senate advise and consent:

Kathy Miller of Chicago - to the Agricultural Export Advisory Committee - Kendall Cole of Virden.

To the Board of Trustees of Chicago State University, William Malone of Chicago, Betsy Hill of Wilmette.

To the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University, to be

members of the Illinois Eastern University Board of Trustees till January 17, 2005, Roger Dettro of Mattoon, Jeffery Lezotte of Chicago.

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To be members of the Governors State University Board of Trustees for terms ending January 17, 2005, Kristi DeLaurentiis of Frankfort, William D. McGee of Hazel Crest, Harry Klein of Homewood.

To be members of the Illinois State University Board of Trustees for terms ending January 17, 2005, Nancy Froelich of Hudson, William Sulaski of Normal, and Diane Glenn of Chicago.

To be members of the Northeastern Illinois University Board of Trustees for terms ending January 17, 2005, Niranjana Shah of Oak Brook, Robert Hartman of Chicago, Daniel Goodwin of Oak Brook.

To be members of the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees for terms ending January 17, 2005, Gary Skoien of Inverness, Jeremiah Joyce of Chicago, Myron Siegel of Bannockburn, Barbara -- Giorgi Vella of Rockford.

To be members of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for terms ending January 17, 2005, George Joseph Guzzardo of -- of Macomb, C. Robert Leininger of Springfield, Zack Stamp of

New -- New Berlin.

To be a member of the Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan for a term ending July 1st, 2001, James Meyer of Naperville.

To be a member of the Illinois Electronic Fund Transfer Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31st, 2001, William Smigiel of Glenview.

To be a member of the Illinois Electronic Fund Transfer Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31st, 2002, James Hayes of Northfield.

To be members of the Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council for terms expiring September 5th, 2002, Malcolm Chester of Chicago, Lois Frels of Hillsdale, Frank Gramm of Libertyville, Lenore Janecek of Chicago, Andrew Melczer of Evanston, Michael Pittman of Springfield, Cheryl Segal of Highland Park.

To be members of the Illinois Health Facilities Authority for

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a term ending June 30th, 2001, Gary Peacock of Oakley.

To be a member of the Illinois Health Facilities Authority for a term ending June 30th, 2004, Gladys Aguirre of Franklin Park.

To be members of the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board for terms ending July 1st, 2000, Irene Banas of Glen Ellyn, Brad

Gesell of Marion.

To be members of the Illinois Petroleum Resources Board for terms ending July 1st, 2001, J. Roy Dee of Mt. Carmel, Bryan Hood of Salem, Caroline Quinn of Mt. Vernon, Michael Gooch of Fairfield.

To be members of the Illinois Petroleum Resource(s) Board for terms ending July 1st, 2002, Jay Bergman of Joliet, Eddie Burgner of Olney, James Cantrell of Crossville, Phil Hart of Olney, Dean Hollensbe of Mt. Vernon, Chris Mitchell of Carmi.

To be members of the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Board for a term ending June 30th, 2002, Gary Maher of Oak Park.

To be members of the Illinois State Museum Board for terms ending January 15, 2001, James Ballowe of Ottawa, Lou {sic} (R-Lou) Porter Barker of Springfield, Jessi Jagielnik of Chicago, Mary Ann MacLean of Mettawa, George Bernard Rabb of Brookfield, Peggy Ryder of Jerseyville.

To be Public Administrator and -- of Bond County for a term ending December 2nd, 2002, Kathy Lynch of Sorento.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Carroll County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Ralph Sprecher of Milledgeville.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Clark County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Kathy Tingley of Martinsville.

Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Edgar County for a term ending December 2nd, 2002, Kay Holloway of Paris.

To be the Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Franklin

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County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Nancy Cockrum of Benton.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Fulton County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Ronald Weber of Canton.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Gallatin County, term ending December 2nd, 2002, Irma Black of Norris City.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Hancock County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Rodney Clark of Carthage.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Hardin County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Sandra Potts of Rosiclare.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Jersey County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Robert Shaw of Jerseyville.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Kane County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Joan Evensen of Batavia.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Lee County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Julie Farster of Dixon.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Logan County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Curt Burwell of Lincoln.

Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Madison County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Lynda Evers of Collinsville.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Marion

County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, James Purcell of Salem.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Marshall County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Brian Meierkord of Lacon.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Massac County for a term ending December 2nd, 2002, Samuel Stratemeyer of Metropolis.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of McDonough County for a term ending December 2nd, 2002, William Chadderdon of Bushnell.

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To be Public Administrator and Guardian of McHenry County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Albert Adams of McHenry.

To be Public Administrator/Public Guardian of Richland County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Lisa Hemrich of Noble.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Schuyler County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Charles Burton of Rushville.

To be the Public Administrator and Public Guardian of St. Clair County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Craig Hubbard

of O'Fallon.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Will County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Richard J. Kavanagh of Bolingbrook.

To be Public Administrator and Public Guardian of Woodford County for a term ending December 3rd, 2001, Scott Brunton of Metamora.

To be a member of the State Banking Board of Illinois for a term ending December 31st, 2001, Thomas Bugielski of Oak Park.

To be a member of the Year 2000 Technology Task Force until a successor is appointed, Ken Alderson of Springfield.

Mr. President, having read the non-salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of November 4th, 1999, I now seek leave to consider the appointments of November 4th, 1999, on a roll call. And, Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I have a question of -- I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Indicates he'll respond. Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

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Senator, I'm looking at the list of proposed members of the Illinois Human Resource Investment Council, the Workforce Investment Board, and I see we've got Senator Peterson on the list, and you've got a "hold" on him. Could you tell me why we're holding Senator Peterson up from this important appointment?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Senator Welch, that's an excellent question. We have a rule that was initiated about a year and a half ago. Senator Peterson has not visited with all of the members of the -- the committee.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any further discussion? If not, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have you all voted who wish? Have you all voted who wish? Take the record. On the question, there are 56 Yeas, no Nays. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Petka, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Governor's Message of November 4, 1999, reported the same back with the recommendations that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we please have a little bit of order? Thank you.
Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the November 4th, 1999, Message, I will read the salaried appointments of which the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the

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Senate do advise and consent:

To be a member of the Illinois Pollution Control Board for a term ending July 1st, 2002, Ronald Flemal of DeKalb.

To be a member of the Prisoner Review Board for a term ending January 20th, 2003, Robert W. Churchill of Lake Villa.

To be a member of the Property Tax Appeal Board for a term ending January 17, 2005, Brent Bohlen of Springfield.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointments from the Governor's Message of November 4th, 1999, I now seek leave to consider the appointments of November 4th, 1999, on a roll call. And, Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Petka, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Treasurer's Messages A and B of October 29th, 1999, reported the same back with the recommendation the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

With respect -- thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Treasurer's Messages of October 29th, 1999, I will read the non-salaried appointments of which the Senate Committee on

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Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do advise and consent:

To be a member of the Personnel Review Board for the Office of the State Treasurer for a term ending November 1st, 2005, Maria Byerley of Lockport.

To be a member of the Personnel Review Board for the Office of State Treasurer for a term ending November 1st, 2005, Eduardo Castaneda of Oak Brook.

Mr. President, having read these appointments from the Treasurer's Messages of October 29th, 1999, I now seek leave to consider these appointments of October 29th, 1999, on a roll call. And, Mr. President, will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have you all voted who wish? Have you all voted who wish? Take the record. There are 56 Ayes, no Nays. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by a record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Petka, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments, to which was referred the Comptroller's Message of January 12th, 2000, reported the same back with the recommendation the Senate advise and consent to the following appointment.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Comptroller's

Message of January 12th, 2000, I will read the appointments of which the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments recommends

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that the Senate do advise and consent:

For a term -- to the Merit Commission of the Office of the Comptroller for a term of six years, expiring the third Monday in January of 2006, Elizabeth Jenson.

Mr. President, having read that appointment from the Comptroller's Message of January 12th, 2000, I now seek leave to consider the appointments of January 12th, 2000, on a roll call. Will you please put that question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Are there any discussions? Any further discussions? If not, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nomination just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have you all voted who wish? Have you all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by the record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

You've heard the motion. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The motion carries. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bill 3119 Do Pass; and House Bills 730 and 4348 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-referred from Public Health and Welfare to the Rules Committee - House Bill 979; referred to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate

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Amendment 2 to House Bill 1534; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - House Bill 3138; to the Committee on Education - House Bills 2067, 2379, 3254, 3881 and 4030; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - House Bills 2970 and 4227; to the Committee on Executive - House Bills 709, 2884, 2899, 4258, 4260, 4656; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - House Bills

589, 3756 and 3771; to the Committee on Judiciary - House Bills 573, 1785, 2888, 2997, 3082, 3180, 3929, 4045, 4097, 4116, 4593 and 4698; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - House Bill 4284; to the Committee on Local Government - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3114, and House Bills 840, 3132 and 3852; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 182, Amendments 3 and 4 to House Bill 2574, and House Bills 1992, 3201, 3324, 3460 and 3584 {sic} (3548); to the Committee on Revenue - House Bills 3240 and 4370; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bill 4124; and to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3312 and House Bill 3979.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Parker, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PARKER:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you. I have here today, Dale Metzger, who is on special assignment, an intern with the Senate. And I want to introduce him. Please welcome him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Will you please rise and be recognized by the Illinois Senate? Welcome. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

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Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you. Like to make an announcement that the wonderful Senator Tom Walsh and his lovely wife, Sue, are the parents of a 9.5-pound baby boy. Long black hair. Congratulations. It's long overdue. I understand by my spies that big Jimmy is keeping him up all night, and I'm very happy about that. Congratulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Congratulations, Senator Walsh. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. I don't think we've officially announced three events that happened to Senator Dudycz. Not only his -- not only is it Senator Dudycz' 50th birthday, but he did receive yesterday his AARP card, as well as retired from the Chicago Police Department. Three events for Senator Dudycz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Congratulations on all three, Senator Dudycz. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. To announce a Republican Caucus

immediately in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

There will be a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 325, offered by Senators Demuzio and Jones and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Consent Calendar. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Is there any further business? If not, Senator Weaver moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of noon on Thursday, March 23rd. That's at noon on March 23rd. Senate stands adjourned.

